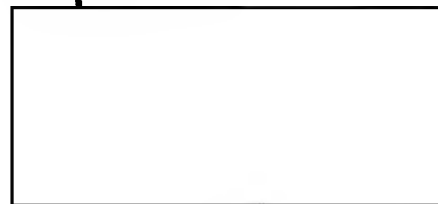


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USSR-Angola: All the Way with the MPLA

Recent substantial Soviet arms deliveries to the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola and harsher press treatment of the rival National Front indicate that Moscow is more firmly casting its lot with the Movement.

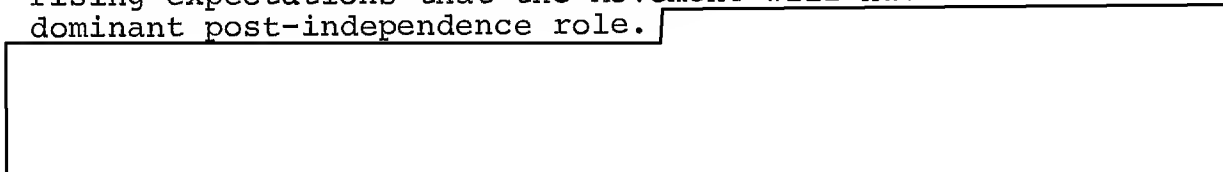


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The Soviet press has consistently accorded special praise to the Movement, but until recently it avoided direct attacks on the other liberation groups. In the wake of the recent fighting in Luanda, however, the press has charged that the National Front is a client of Peking and the US, and has labeled it a "reactionary organization," whose members are "culprits for the death of hundreds of people."

Moscow probably still has not written off the prospect of a coalition government emerging in Angola. With the Popular Movement now enjoying a clear military advantage, however, the Soviets appear to have rising expectations that the Movement will have the dominant post-independence role.

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High-Level Yugoslav Delegation  
Plans Visit to Peking

Premier Bijedic and Stane Dolanc, Tito's right-hand man in the party, are the leading luminaries in a party and state delegation that reportedly will "secretly" visit Peking this fall following talks in Mongolia.

the dates of the visits have not yet been announced, but Belgrade hopes the delegation will be able to raise bilateral party and government relations with Peking to the level of existing economic ties

Yugoslavia's continued promotion of nonalignment, particularly in Asia, is the chief obstacle to improved bilateral relations.

Tito, Dolanc, and Edvard Kardelj, a long-time adviser to Tito, want a rapid improvement in Yugoslav-Chinese ties.

A visit to Peking by Bijedic would balance talks the Yugoslav Premier has held in Washington and Moscow since the first of the year. Bijedic had been scheduled to visit China after his talks in the Kremlin in April, but the trip was postponed.

Belgrade and Peking have long tended to hold each other at arm's length, particularly where inter-party matters are concerned, and the Chinese party still refuses to open party ties with the Yugoslav Communists. A visit to China of the high-level Yugoslav delegation could easily improve state-to-state ties, but raising inter-party relations to the present level of economic ties promises to be a much more difficult process. Among the major differences between the two parties is the relatively decentralized

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Yugoslav system of "self-management" which involves worker participation in the administration of economic enterprises.

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Another Vacancy in Soviet Cultural Bureaucracy

Tass announced on July 18 that Deputy Minister of Culture Zinaida M. Kruglova has been named chairman of the Union of Soviet Societies for Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries. Kruglova vacates a post which she assumed only last November, shortly after the appointment of candidate Politburo member Petr Demichev as minister of culture.

Until last fall, Kruglova had been party secretary for ideology in the Leningrad Oblast party committee, where she conformed to Leningrad's longstanding reputation for toughness and orthodoxy in cultural and ideological affairs. Her appointment to the Ministry of Culture was thus viewed by some Soviet intellectuals as an effort to balance Demichev's more pragmatic approach.

During her short tenure at the ministry, Kruglova has had virtually no publicity. This will probably change with her new job which, though as generally powerless as that of a deputy culture minister, carries considerably more prestige and an opportunity for international public relations.

The 52-year-old Kruglova takes over her new post from Nina V. Popova, 67, who is retiring. Popova's rank as full member of the Central Committee may be given to Kruglova at the next party congress in February. Kruglova is now a member of the Central Auditing Commission, a rank she attained by virtue of her former party post in Leningrad.

No replacement has yet been named for Kruglova in the ministry. If this does not occur soon, it will add one more to the growing number of vacancies in the party and government cultural/propaganda apparatus. The most important of these is Demichev's former post of party secretary for culture and propaganda, which he relinquished at the December 1974

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Central Committee plenum. The leadership's failure to fill this and related lesser posts has resulted in an ad hoc approach to cultural affairs, characterized by arbitrariness and drift against a background of a general, but often inconsistent, crack-down on nonconformism.

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July 15

Romania signs a second agreement with the IAEA concerning the US supply of enriched uranium to Romania for a research reactor. [REDACTED]

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ExIm Bank announces a credit of nearly \$2 million to Poland for the purchase of US equipment for a copper mill in Poland. [REDACTED]

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Czechoslovak party/state chief Husak departs for the USSR "on holiday." [REDACTED]

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Soyuz and Apollo spacecraft are launched. [REDACTED]

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RSFSR Supreme Soviet convenes in Moscow. [REDACTED]

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UK Foreign Secretary Callaghan concludes an official visit to Poland, where he was received by party chief Gierek. [REDACTED]

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Yugoslav party secretary Dolanc stops in Cairo on his way to an official visit to Tanzania. [REDACTED]

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July 16

Mongolian Defense Minister Dorj, heading a military delegation, arrives in Hungary for an official visit. [REDACTED]

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Romania lifts the 13-day state of emergency it declared in order to cope with the nation's worst flooding since 1970. [REDACTED]

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MBFR negotiations at Vienna recess for two months. [redacted]

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July 19            Soviets release two Japanese fishing  
boats seized on July 16. [REDACTED] 25X1

July 20            Politburo candidate-member Romanov,  
the party chief of Leningrad, tours  
Dresden, East Germany. [REDACTED] 25X1

                  Visiting Bulgarian party/state chief  
Zhivkov meets with Turkish Prime  
Minister Demirel. [REDACTED] 25X1

July 21            The Soyuz spacecraft returns to Earth  
safely. [REDACTED] 25X1

                  Politburo member Kirilenko leads at-  
tendees at Moscow's observance of the  
31st anniversary of the "Polish People's  
Republic." [REDACTED] 25X1

                  Romanian Central Committee convenes for  
a plenum meeting to discuss progress  
in prefulfillment of the economic  
plan and relief measures to cope with  
the recent flooding. [REDACTED] 25X1

                  Soviet Deputy Premier Lesechko arrives  
in Bulgaria for talks on bilateral eco-  
nomic cooperation. [REDACTED] 25X1

July 22            An Egyptian delegation led by Finance  
Minister Ismail flies to Moscow for  
talks on financial matters including  
debt rescheduling. [REDACTED] 25X1

FUTURE EVENTS

July 24            French Prime Minister Chirac to begin  
an official, five-day visit to Romania.  
[REDACTED]

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July 26 President Ford to leave on a European trip to include state visits to Poland, Romania, and Yugoslavia as well as attendance at the summit-level finale to CSCE in Helsinki. [REDACTED]

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July 26 or 27 Turkish opposition leader Ecevit to begin a visit to Bucharest at the invitation of Romanian President Ceausescu. [REDACTED]

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July 28

[REDACTED]

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President Ford to begin a two-day state visit to Poland. [REDACTED]

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July 30 Summit-level finale to CSCE to commence at Helsinki. [REDACTED]

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August 2 President Ford to begin a two-day state visit to Romania. [REDACTED]

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August 3 President Ford to begin a two-day state visit to Yugoslavia. [REDACTED]

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late August Yugoslav Foreign Minister Minic to attend the conference of nonaligned foreign ministers at Lima, Peru. [REDACTED]

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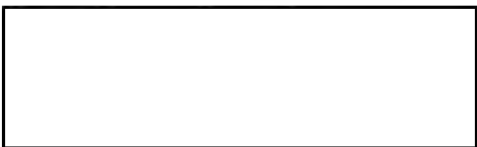
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